

# CALLING ALL ARTISTS!



## *2014 “Art Uniting People” Exhibition* Celebrating Recovery, Creativity and Mental Health

**SAVE THE DATE:** The opening reception for the fourth annual “Art Uniting People” exhibition will be Wednesday, May 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. A second reception will be held in October at the Beatley Library after the exhibition is moved there. For more information contact [hopeinalexandria@gmail.com](mailto:hopeinalexandria@gmail.com).

Plan ahead. Artwork and entry forms will be due on Friday, April 11. Art pieces for this exhibition must be two dimensional. Ideally, all pieces must be framed and ready to hang. A limited amount of frames are available. If you wish the art to be framed, it must be 9” by 11”. Pieces that are larger or smaller than this size must be submitted framed and ready to hang. Artists are limited to two pieces. Entry forms will be available after Friday, February 14.

The exhibition is open to all artists whose lives have been affected by mental illness, addiction or intellectual disabilities. Artists are also invited to share the inspiration behind their art pieces and some of their personal story.

“Art Uniting People” seeks to engage the City of Alexandria community in an ongoing conversation about each person's uniqueness and the commonality we all share as part of an effort to raise awareness about the stigma faced by those with mental illness, addiction and intellectual and developmental disabilities.

That stigma is the largest barrier to seeking and getting help, the biggest deterrent to recovery. Recovery is based on respect which means that the family, the community and society accepts and appreciates the people affected by mental illness, addiction, intellectual and developmental disabilities. That includes protecting rights and eliminating discrimination. It also means developing a healthy and positive sense of identity.



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